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AND

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF UTAH TERRITORY.

JANUARY, 1852.

RULES for conducting business in the House of Representatives of Utah Territory.

DUTY OF OFFICERS.

1. Whenever the House shall assemble, if the Speaker should be absent, the Chief Clerk shall call the House to order, and proceed to call the Roll; and in his absence, any member may call to order, and if a quorum is present, may proceed to elect a Speaker pro tem; if a quorum is not present, may send the Sergeant at Arms or any other officer of the House after the absentees, and compel their attendance.

2. The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum; speak on points of order, in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal from the House, but not speak in debate, nor descant upon miscellaneous subjects.

3. All questions shall be put by the Speaker, and decided by the yeas and nays; but if the Speaker doubts, or a division be called for, the House shall divide; those on the affirmative side of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative.

4. In all cases when the House is equally divided the Speaker shall give the casting vote, and shall vote on all questions where the votes are required to be put upon the Journal.

5. The officers of the House shall perform their several duties, as they shall be instructed, from time to time, by the Speaker.

OF COMMITTEES.

6. No committee shall sit, during the sitting of the House, without special leave of the House.

OF MEMBERS.

7. No member shall be allowed to be absent without leave of the House, unless detained by sickness, or other unavoidable necessity.

8. Fourteen members, including the Speaker, shall constitute a quorum; and no member shall be permitted to leave the House, during the session of the day, without leave of absence by the Speaker.

ORDER OF THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

9. After the Journal of the preceding day is read, the following order shall govern:—

1st. Petitions, or remonstrances to be offered.

2nd. Resolutions, and notices to bring in bills.

3rd. Reports of committees.

4th. Bills to be introduced, of which notice has been given.

5th. Messages, and communications on the table.

6th. Bills and resolutions ready for a second reading.

7th. Bills on their passage.

8th. Reports, in possession of the House, which offer grounds for a bill, are to be taken up, that the bill may be ordered in.

9th. Bills, or other matter before the House, and unfinished the preceding day.

10. No business shall be taken up, out of the above order, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

11. When a member shall be called to order, he shall cease speaking, and every question of order shall be decided by the Speaker without debate, subject to an appeal to the House.

12. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, to the exclusion of others without leave of the House.

13. Before any resolution, any petition, or other paper, addressed to the House, shall be received, and read, whether the same be introduced by the Speaker, or member, the title shall be fairly endorsed thereon, and a brief statement

of its objects, or contents, shall be made by its introducer.

14. Every bill shall receive three readings before it is passed; the Speaker shall give notice at each reading, whether it be the first, second, or third: provided, however, the House may order it read by its title, after its first reading.

15. After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn by leave of the House.

16. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn; to lie on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a day certain; to commit or amend; to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and if carried, shall be considered equivalent to its rejection.

17. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, excepting when a member is speaking, or the House voting.

18. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the House.

19. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except that of filling blanks, the largest sum, and the longest time shall be put first.

20. When any matter is referred to a standing committee motion of any member, it shall be the duty of the chairman of such committee to notify such member of their time, and place of sitting upon such matter so referred; and said member shall be permitted to confer with such committee, during their consideration of such matter; and all standing committees shall have power to send for evidence, or papers relative to matters referred.

21. The first sentence of the first section of every bill shall be as follows, to wit: "Be it ordained by the Council, and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah."

LIST of Standing Committees of the House of Representatives of Utah Territory.

Committee on Ways and Means.—Wilford Woodruff,

Edwin D. Woolley, James Brown, William Miller, and Charles Shumway.

Committee on Claims.—Daniel Spencer, Henry G. Sherwood, David Evans, James G. Browning, and Hosea Stout.

Committee on the Judiciary.—Albert P. Rockwood, Phineas Richards, and Nathaniel H. Felt.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.—Albert P. Rockwood, David Fullmer, Benjamin F. Johnson, David B. Dille, and Gideon Brownell.

Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.—Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, and John Stoker.

Committee on Education and Schools.—Nathaniel H. Felt, Dan^l Spencer, Wm. Miller, Jno. Brown and Geo. Brimhall.

Committee on Counties and Districts.—Henry G. Sherwood, Wilford Woodruff, and Hosea Stout.

Committee on Elections.—A. L. Lamoreaux, David Fullmer, and Charles Shumway.

Committee on Ordinances and Laws.—Nathaniel H. Felt, Phineas Richards, and Albert P. Rockwood.

Committee on Canyons and Public Domain.—Phineas Richards, Edwin D. Woolley, and David B. Dille.

Committee on Accounts.—Albert P. Rockwood, Gideon Brownell, and James Brown.

Committee on Militia.—Albert P. Rockwood, Hosea Stout, and Benjamin F. Johnson.

Committee on Public Printing.—Daniel Spencer, Joseph Young, and Hosea Stout.

Committee on the Library.—Charles Shumway, David Evans, and James G. Browning.

Select Committee.—Albert P. Rockwood, Edwin D. Woolley, and Hosea Stout.

Committee on Revising and Classifying the Provisional and other Laws.—Hosea Stout, David Fullmer, and Phineas Richards.

Furnishing Committee.—Wilford Woodruff, Edwin D. Woolley, and Hosea Stout.

Committee on Revenue.—John Brown, George Brimhall, and John Rowberry.

Special Committee on the Subject of Master and Apprentices.—Daniel Spencer, Elisha H. Groves, and John Brown.